ब्रेवरीज़ उद्योगों ने 1700682 लोगों का रोजगार प्रदान किया है और सभी उद्योगों के कुल सकल उत्पादन में 15.19 प्रतिशत का योगदान दिया है।

(ग) देश में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सरकार ने समय-समय पर अनेक उपाय किए हैं। इनमें अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ इस क्षेत्र को उच्च प्राथमिकता वाला घोषित करना और उसके फलस्वरूप उन्हें लाइसेंस मुक्त करना, मंत्रालय द्वारा चलाई जा रही योजना स्कीमों के तहत वित्तीय सहायता देना, राजकोषीय रियायतें देना शामिल है।

Licences issued to multinational companies for Food Processing Units

3055. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licences issued to the multinational companies to set-up Food Processing Units during 1996-97; and

(b) the names of places where those multinational companies have set-up their units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) All food processing industries except for brewing and distillation of alcoholic beverages and those items reserved for small scale sector are delicenced and hence no licence is required. However, during 1996-97, 90 foreign investment proposals have been approved for setting up of food processing industries.

(b) Normally, it takes 2-3 years for implementation of a project.

Revival plans for deep-sea fishing industry in Visakhapatnam

3056. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any revival plans have been formulated for the deep-sea fishing industry in Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to encourage Indian deep-sea fishing industry in 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (d) A Technical Committee, headed by Shri P. Murari, former Secretary to the Government of India, was appointed by the Government to suggest corrective measures for revival of sick deep-sea fishing units. The Committee submitted its Report in March, 1994. The Committee's recommendations, among other things, included financial restructuring and reliefs to existing sick fishing companies assisted by the erstwhile Shipping Development Funds Committee (SDFC). The recommendations of the Technical Committee have been approved by the Government with some minor changes. SCICI has been authorised to announce the scheme immediately.

Self-employment for rural youths

3057. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any concrete measures to ensure self-employment to the rural youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof with special reference to the North-East in general and Assam in particular;

(c) whether Government are providing any incentives to set-up agro-based industries particularly in the North-East;

(d) if so, the types of incentives being extended in this regard;

(e) whether MNCs are being allowed to enter this sector also; and

(f) if so, the need and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Agro-based industries are one of the village industries being promoted by KVIC.

KVIC has taken a number of steps to develop agro-based industries in the country such as providing financial assistance in the form of grant and loan on the basis of projects submitted by its implementing agencies like registered institutions, cooperative societies, state KVI Boards and individual entrepreneurs. In order to boost the production of these industries and to provide gainful employment to the rural artisans, KVIC has launched national programme in respect of some of the village indsutries. One such industry is bee-keeping which is an agro-based industry.

The KVIC in collaboration with North Eastern Council has sanctioned a regional project on development of Agiculture for commercial exploitation in North Eastern region. KVIC has taken up some special schemes such as 125 Blocks Development Programme in backward areas under which also agro-based industries are being implemented. Under KVIC training programme, it imparts training in various village industries including agro-based activities. Under project approach, projects costing up to Rs. 10.00 lakhs are eligible for 25 per cent margin money initially in the form of interest free loan and after repayment of C.E. loan with interest. The same will be converted into grant. The project costing beyond Rs. 10.00 lakhs and up to Rs. 25.00 lakhs are eligible for margin money at the rate of 25 per cent for first Rs. 10.00 lakhs and for remaining amount at the rate of 10 per cent of the balance. In case of Hill Border, Tribal and Weaker Section areas, SC/ST/OBC/ MINORITY, SEMFEX-III and Women beneficiaries, the project up to Rs. 10.00 lakhs will get 30 per cent as margin money. Apart from KVIC's financial assistance, funds are also provided through institutional financing agencies on the basis of interest subsidy eligibility certificate, under which the implementing agencies bear interest at the rate of four per cent per annum and difference of the interest charged by bank is being subsidised by KVIC.

(e) and (f) Agro-based industries are open to any entrepreneur who fulfils the requirements under the licensing procedure.

Dereservation of items reserved for the SSIs

3058. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether dereservation of fifteen items from SSI list have been notified;

(b) if so, the names of these items with reasons therefor;

(c) whether some more items were also dereserved prior to this list of fifteen items;

(d) if so, the names of these items with reasons therefor;

(e) whether manufacture of dereserved items can now be undertaken by any industrial unit of any category;

(f) whether Government propose to dereserve some more items in SSI list in future;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Dereservation of fifteen items from the list of items reserved exclusively for the manufacture of small scale sector has been notified vide Notification SO 298(E) dated 3.4.97.

(b) With a view to reduce wastage of agricultural items, improvement of quality, hygiene and export promotion, the following 15 items have been dereserved:

Ice Cream, Vinegar, Rice Milling, Dal Milling, Biscuits, Poultry feed, Synthetic Syrups, Corrugated paper & boards, Hair dirers—all types, Hub caps—auto, Ornamental fittings—auto, Spot lamps assembly—auto, Stop lamp assembly—auto, Tail lamp assembly —auto and Ash trays—Car fitting.

(c) and (d) The reservation policy was initiated in 1967 with 47 items being reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector. Since then from time to time, items have been added to and deleted from the reservation list. The reservation list contained 836 items in 1989. There has not been any change in the reservation list till 3rd April, 1997 when the above 15 items were notified for dereservation.